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The history of Filipino immigrants to the United States and the contributions they have made to American society are discussed in this book which is part of a series for children. The Philippines is the only nation in Asia that is predominantly Christian and English-speaking. The country was a colony of the United States from 1896 to 1946, and ties formed then encouraged immigration to the United States. The first official immigrants were students admitted under government programs to study in higher education. Immigration to Hawaii was particularly important, with California and Alaska following as centers for immigration. Early immigrants faced much discrimination, but after World War II, the tide of public opinion shifted to allow greater equality in education and employment. Although Filipinos have contributed to many aspects of American life, their contributions have been particularly apparent in the arts. (SLD)

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